

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **March 12, 2002**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 10

CONSENT: **X**

REGULAR:

CLOSED SESSION:

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

(Confidential)

ITEM TITLE: **FY 2002 Fire Programs Funding**

RECOMMENDATION: Appropriate \$90,633 to the City Federal/State Aid Fund for protective clothing, equipment and programs for the Fire and EMS Department.

SUMMARY: The receipt of annual Fire Programs Funding (\$90,633 for Fiscal Year 2002), which is administered by the Virginia Department of Fire Programs, necessitates a City Council resolution appropriating these monies. These funds, fully reimbursable from the Virginia Fire Programs Fund, are utilized to assist in the purchase of firefighting protective clothing and equipment, and training and other programs/activities.

As a result of 1985 Virginia General Assembly legislative action, the Fire Programs Fund is administered by the Virginia Department of Fire Programs. This legislation, as amended, authorizes an annual assessment against all licensed insurance companies selling selected types of fire and fire-related insurance in the Commonwealth. The assessment is appropriated to localities in the Commonwealth on a per-capita basis for the purpose of improving fire service operations via expenditures for fire service training, fire prevention and public safety education programs, fire fighting equipment, protective clothing, etc.

PRIOR ACTION(S): Approval by the Finance and Planning Committee on November 6, 2001 and March 5, 2002.

BUDGET IMPACT: This funding is received annually from the Virginia Fire Programs Fund. No matching funds are required. Purchases vary from year to year, however most purchases have no appreciable adverse budgetary impact. Significant benefits occur from the operational enhancements made possible by this funding.

Proposed Purchases: LCD projector (4,900), four lap top computers (12,000), turnout gear/helmets (15,000)
Matching funds for FEMA grant (21,000), SCBA air bottle compressor (35,000)
Public educational materials (2,733)

CONTACT(S): Department Head – Cecil V. Martinette, Jr., Fire Chief (847-1564)
Staff Contact – William G. McChesney – Fire Administrative Officer (847-1564)

ATTACHMENT: Proposed Resolution

REVIEWED BY:

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED That \$90,633 is appropriated from the City/State Aid Projects Fund, with full reimbursement from the Virginia Fire Programs Fund, to assist in the purchase of protective clothing/equipment and to support various fire programs/activities within the Fire and EMS Department.

Introduced:

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

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